

pick their college, the college of their choice, which is either a state college, a university or a private college, anyone of the three that they have. But the proprietary vocational schools such as the barber and beauty colleges and stuff like that are not in the bill. It is just the university, the state colleges, the private colleges. That is the group that the students can select from. We have now got in the bill \$5 million. We are fully intending just to move this over and then when the budget bills are considered and we know what is available, we can then amend this to whatever figure we think we can afford for this year. I would ask you to advance LB 255. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak on this measure? The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Kahle a question, and that is I saw in the news media a few days ago where the four state colleges had made a statement that they were receiving funding for this type of situation much the same as last year. Why do we want to keep this alive?

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, Mr. President and members, this is a bill, of course, that was passed a couple years ago, or longer than that, I guess in 1978, and it is a necessary situation because the cost of tuition keeps going up and up and up and we still have a lot of kids out there that can't afford to go to school. Now we either have to do something about this or forget it. I am sure that is the whole gist of the thing. But this situation would help an awfully lot of young people that are having a terrible time today getting through school or getting to school and probably the most brilliant ones are the ones that have to drop out. We can't prove this. But Senator Cullan brought this issue before us when he was in the Legislature, a number of signers are on it. Senator Warner, Senator Peterson, Senator Morehead, Senator Goodrich, Senator Marsh, Senator Kilgarin and Senator Lowell Johnson, Wagner, I guess these are the committee people that voted for it. Senator Rod Johnson has asked that his name be added. We thought it was a...that we should bring it before the body to see what you